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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATIONS ON NEW REPUBLIC AND PLEBISCITE

1. PRIME MINISTER' S OFFICER ANNOUNCED PRINCIPLES OF NEW GREEK REGIME AT 1 P. M. LOCAL TIME JUNE 8. FOLLOWING BRIEF INTRODU TORY REMARKS EXPLAINING THAT PRINCIPLES AIM AT ESTABLISHING MODERN DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH STRENGTHENED EXECUTIVE POWERS, THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES WERE SET FORTH.

A. REGIME OF GREECE IS A PRESIDENTIAL PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC.

B. PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL BE ELECTED BY DIRECT UNIVERSAL AND SECRET BALLOT FOR SEVEN YEARS; HIS REELECTION NOT BEING PERMITTED. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SHALL BE
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ELECTED WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL BE SELECTED AS A CANDIDATE BY HIM.

C. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC IS SUPREME RULER OF STATE, SYMBOL OF UNITY OF NATION AND SHALL EXERCISE VIGILANCE FOR FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. HE SHALL APPOINT AND DISMISS THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE , FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC ORDER AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE REMAINING MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS.

D. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC MAY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES HAVE RECOURSE TO THE PEOPLE WHO SHALL DECIDE THROUGH PLEBISCITE.

E. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND PARLIAMENT. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL HAVE COMPETENCE EMANATING DIRECTLY FROM CONSTITUTION TO ISSUE DECREES OF LEGISLATIVE CHARACTER ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND PUBLIC ORDER EXCEPT THOSE ASSIGNED TO COMPETENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

F. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL PRESIDE OVER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITHOUT FAIL WHENEVER MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED SUCH AS RELATE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND PUBLIC ORDER. AND, HE SHALL RULE THE ARMED FORCES AND SHALL UNDER CERTAIN PRE-CONDITIONS PUT INTO EFFECT THE LAW ON STATE OF SIEGE. HE SHALL ALSO EXERCISE FUNCTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY RESPECTIVE PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION AND LAWS AS WELL AS THOSE DESIGNATED BY HIMSELF... ON MATTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY AND PUBLIC ORDER. HE SHALL PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO THOSE MATTERS.

G. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL ASSIST PRESIDENT IN EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, SHALL REPLACE HIM IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY AND SHALL ASSUME PRESIDENCY UNTIL END OF TERM IN CASE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH. SHOULD VICE PRESIDENT ALSO DIE, DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENCY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL END OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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